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A Report to the 21st District

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2004 legislative session is underway and I am honored to serve as one of your State Representatives. During this shorter legislative session, only 60 days in length, I am working hard to serve your needs and interests.

Last session we solved a \$2.6 billion budget deficit, tackled transportation gridlock, and faced the fear of Boeing building its new airplanes elsewhere. Although the deficit is now a modest surplus, transportation projects have started, Boeing plans to build its 7E7 in Everett, and our economy is beginning to rebound, there is more work to be done.

This edition of your 21st Legislative District newsletter highlights legislation I am working on to protect the health and safety of our families, improve our economy, and bring more jobs to our community. As a father, husband, and small business owner, I am dedicated to making Washington the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

My door is always open and I welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions for strengthening our state. Please do not hesitate to fill out and return the attached "Actiongram" at your convenience.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Olympia. I look forward to working with you.

With every best wish,

Brian Sullivan
State Representative
21st Legislative District

P.S. Please remember to mark your calendars for our upcoming February 7th Town Hall meeting! We will meet from 2-4pm at Harbour Pointe Middle School. The address is 5000 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

MEET MY NEW LEGISLATIVE AIDE

I am proud to introduce my new Legislative Aide, Michael Eklund-Grayum. His experience working in state and federal politics, coupled with his leadership on state and national community service programs, will be a wonderful asset for the 21st District.

Born and raised in Snohomish County, Michael graduated from Cascade High School and Pacific Lutheran University with a degree in Business Administration and Public Affairs. Michael got his start in politics as a Legislative Policy Intern in Washington State's House of Representatives. Following the internship, he worked with both State and Federal elected officials.

In 2000, Governor Locke appointed Michael to the Washington Commission for National and Community Service. He also serves on the Board of Directors for two national service organizations.

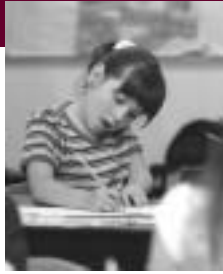
Michael has a passion for strengthening the civic engagement of young people by building partnerships with elected officials, local businesses, and community service programs. It is his desire to create sustainable solutions in local communities by bringing people together. I am excited to introduce him to the 21st District!

Please do not hesitate to contact him with any ideas, comments, or concerns. We look forward to working with you!

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PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

STOPPING PREDATORS AND PREVENTING SEXUAL ABUSE



Like many of you, I am disturbed by the recent reports of sexual abuse of young athletes by their coaches. Not only must we stop predators that use schools and sports teams as places of sexual opportunity, I believe we have a duty to protect all children, developmentally disabled persons, and vulnerable adults wherever there is danger.

Information needs to become more available to ensure our loved ones are protected. This session I will introduce a bill requiring organizations to conduct criminal-background checks of those who have regular access to children, developmentally disabled persons, and vulnerable adults.

If a background check indicates potential risk, such as a conviction of sexual or physical abuse, sexual or financial exploitation, murder, kidnapping, rape, child neglect or abandonment, my legislation requires employers and other organizations to provide written notice of those risks to parents and guardians. They will be notified of any record of civil adjudication and crimes against children or other persons.

As a son of a parent cared for in a nursing home and a father of two beautiful children, I want to know who is working closely with those I care most about. Stopping predators starts with parents and guardians knowing who is spending time with our loved ones.

METH STRIKE TEAM

As a father, husband, State Legislator and former Mayor, I am deeply concerned about the lives that are being destroyed by the manufacture and use of methamphetamine. Young children are turning into junkies, crime is skyrocketing, and people are being permanently scarred by their addiction. Washington is the third-highest meth-producing state, and Snohomish County is among the top five counties in Washington for meth-production. The number of meth-related cases has tripled in the last three years as this dangerous and highly addictive drug continues to infect our communities, our schools and our homes. Of all the drug epidemics that have swept through America, the crystal-meth invasion might be the worst; with the manufacture and use of methamphetamine being the fastest growing threat in our community, the legislature must take action.

This session I am requesting \$600,000 in one-time funding to start a methamphetamine strike team to target neighborhood drug houses. I am working with the Snohomish County Delegation, the County Council, the County Executive, the Sheriff, the Prosecuting Attorney, the County Clerk, representatives from our local meth action team, and community groups including Citizens for a Safe Snohomish County, LEAD ON AMERICA, and Families For Kids.

We must do all that we can to protect our children and our community. We must do more to raise awareness about the problem. We need to strengthen our law enforcement resources by improving access to education and treatment programs. Most importantly, we must come together more often as a community. Tough laws and enforcement alone cannot cure this growing methamphetamine crisis. Only by coming together as a community will Washington be able to eradicate this epidemic throughout our state.

PROTECTING JOBS AND OUR ECONOMY

JOBS AND THE BOEING 7E7

As the Vice Chair for the Task Force on Economic Competitiveness, I am delighted to share great news that strengthens the economic climates of Snohomish County and Washington State.

Thanks to the initiative of this Task Force, Washington will keep business strong in Snohomish County by building economic, employment, and investment opportunities throughout our local communities.

Never have we seen this more clearly than in the leadership the 2003 Legislature took to ensure Snohomish County was the best home for Boeing's 7E7 aircraft. Having personally worked on the incentives package, I am proud our decisions had a positive impact on Boeing's choice to build the 7E7 in Everett.



A great deal was accomplished this last session. Securing the 7E7, coupled with the landmark transportation package passed by the Legislature will serve thousands of good paying jobs for years to come.

I am especially proud of the progress the Legislature made on regulatory reform and tax fairness for businesses. We have taken real steps in the right direction, translating our collective vision for strengthening our economy into reality.

A Report to the 21st District

Things are turning around in Washington State. We must retain this renewed commitment to competitiveness and job creation, continuing to make our state more viable. It is imperative that we use the same spirit of creativity and cooperation used to retain Boeing to help small businesses, which do not often receive the attention they deserve.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

PREVENTING OIL SPILLS

The recent incident that spilled 4,800 gallons of oil into Puget Sound was an ecological nightmare, killing marine life and drenching our beaches with oil. Representative Mike Cooper is taking the lead to reduce the risk of these accidents, and I strongly support his legislative proposals.

Legislation will be introduced this session to require safer handling of oil transfers. It requires the use of containment booms, which will serve as a floating barrier to prevent oil from spreading in the event of a spill. In addition, proposed legislation mandates two people be present during oil transfers to ensure the safety of our waters; current Coast Guard standards require only one person be present.

BIODIESEL UPDATE

I am pleased to have passed a series of bills last session promoting the use of clean burning biodiesel fuel. De-

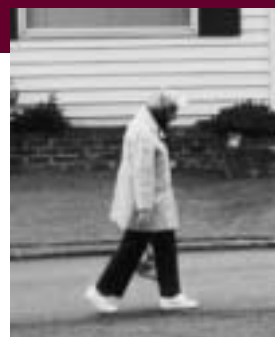
spite precautions and safety measures for handling and using oil, accidental spills will happen. This is why I am looking to promote the use of biodiesel in marine vessels. Biodiesel fuel not only burns cleaner than oil, it is also non-toxic and biodegradable. It is a much safer alternative on the land and the sea.

As a member of the Transportation Committee and Vice Chair of the Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Committee, this session I sponsored new legislation to promote the use of biodiesel. As part of this year's alternative fuels legislative package, HB 2821 will protect students' health by establishing incentives for using clean-burning alternative fuels in school buses. I have also introduced legislation that allows the use of HOV lanes by hybrid cars and provides tax incentives for purchasing alternative fuel vehicles, as well as for building alternative fuel stations.

PROTECTING VETERANS AND SENIORS

SENIOR AND VETERAN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

With skyrocketing prescription drug and healthcare costs, rising property values and consequently higher property taxes, many seniors are struggling to hang on to their homes and put food on their table. We must provide better services for seniors and I am supporting legislation that would offer more assistance.



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ACTION-GRAM

I would like to know what you think about the issues contained in this newsletter or any other issues that concern you. Please use this Action-Gram to express your concerns, put it in an envelope and mail it back to me at: Rep. Brian Sullivan, PO Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600. Thank you!

Dear Rep. Sullivan,

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I am proud to sponsor legislation honoring veterans and seniors. HB 2435 will help seniors and veterans who retire with disabilities to be eligible for property tax relief when their annual income is below \$35,000. Retired war veterans who receive disability payments for injuries incurred in the line of duty will not have these benefits count against the \$35,000 limit. Working to strengthen veteran's assistance and programs, I am also sponsoring legislation focusing on veterans' services.

I believe it is our duty to honor veterans for their service and dedication to our country. This is why I am sponsoring HB 2670 to assist county legislative authorities in creating a veterans' advisory board that will represent and serve veterans and their family members residing within the county. As President John F. Kennedy once said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors."

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

I am continuing to work on reducing the high cost of prescription drugs. The landmark prescription-drug legislation approved last session is on the way to cutting the general cost of health care by cutting the specific cost of prescriptions.

The plan allows for bulk buying of drugs to save money, adopts a preferred drug list based on the best medical evidence available, and educates consumers and providers about the list, how it was developed, and how it works.

The bill also created the Pharmacy Connections program to help senior citizens and others take advantage of the prescription drug discounts they may be eligible to re-



ceive. A new toll-free number was established earlier this month to provide information about reduced-price and free prescription drug programs. **The Senior Information and Pharmacy Connections Line**, 1-888-435-3377, is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE

Washington continues to be a national leader in public health. I am proud of our new laws that expand drug treatment, protect vulnerable children and adults, and reform health insurance. However, many citizens still cannot afford health insurance or have limited access to a doctor.

This session I am supporting the budget proposal in increasing reimbursements for doctors who provide critical medical services. The governor's budget provides additional funding to the Department of Health to cover retired doctors who volunteer their services to the needy. I am excited about this opportunity to care for more patients while ensuring doctors continue to practice in their desired fields without burden.

PREVENTING SENIOR FRAUD

I introduced legislation this session to toughen penalties against those who defraud seniors by making it possible for law enforcement agencies to collect an offender's assets. I will continue to work on this proposal and legislation regulating sweepstakes so that consumers—especially seniors—are protected from being swindled.



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